

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-6 and 10-14. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, and should be allowable with claims 3-6.

Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form, without the features of intervening claim 9. Applicants believe claim 9 is unnecessary for patentability, and that claim 10 is now allowable, along with claims 11-14.

The rejection of claim 1 in paragraph 2 of the Office Action is now moot.

Claim 7 stands rejected under § 102 on the basis of Matsuoka. Claim 7 has been amended to overcome this rejection, and reconsideration is requested.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claim 7 because the cited reference does not disclose (or suggest) the claimed bezel enclosing the display panel and panel-shaped module component, as in amended claim 7.

The Examiner has considered the front case 1010 and the back case 1020 of Matsuoka et al. as the electrically insulating frame of claim 7. However, the front and back cases 1010, 1020 are components of the computer body case. The front and back cases 1010, 1020 do not correspond to the frame (bezel) of the display panel module of the present invention. Matsuoka et al. disclose the top frame 110 as shown in Fig. 4 as the bezel of the display panel module. See column 12, lines 35 and 36. The top frame 110 is made of a

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metallic plate. Therefore, the top frame 110 does not correspond to the electrically insulating bezel of amended claim 7. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New claim 15 defines, among other things, that the module component comprises at least one of a diffuser, a prism plate, a light pipe, a light source and a reflector.

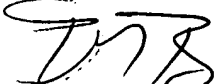
Claim 15 is allowable for the reasons given with respect to claim 7.

The rejections of claims 8 and 9 are moot in light of the amendments to claim 10.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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